

WSF QUARTERLY BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

BRIEFING PAPER

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PURPOSE:

To provide an update on the current business operations and financial performance of Washington State Ferries (WSF) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004.

ACTION/OUTCOME:

This briefing is for information only and no action will be required of the Commission.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission has approved a strategic business plan for WSF that provides a balanced approach for bringing long-term financial viability to WSF operations, and a capital plan that will provide for the timely replacement, preservation and modernization of WSF assets. The successful implementation of these plans was encouraged and assisted by the Legislature, which passed enabling legislation and funding for WSF during the 2003 and 2004 legislative sessions.

DISCUSSION:

WSF will report on the current status and financial results of implementing these strategic operating and capital plans. The briefing will provide a comprehensive review of current issues including the following topics:

- A financial report of WSF operating and capital expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 compared to budget.
- An update on fuel costs.
- Recent farebox revenue and ridership trends.
- Current status on implementing new revenue initiatives.
- An update on current events and ongoing projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

This briefing is for information only.

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